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SYLLABICATION: hol·low

PRONUNCIATION: hol'ō

ADJECTIVE: Inflected forms: **hol·low·er**, **hol·low·est**

1. Having a cavity, gap, or space within: *a hollow wall*. 2. Deeply indented or concave; sunken: "His bearded face already has a set, hollow look" (Conor Cruise O'Brien). 3. Without substance or character: *a hollow person*. See synonyms at **vain**. 4. Devoid of truth or validity; specious: "*Theirs is at best a hollow form of flattery*" (Annalyn Swan). 5. Having a reverberating, sepulchral sound: *hollow footsteps*.

NOUN: 1. A cavity, gap, or space: *a hollow behind a wall*. 2. An indented or concave surface or area. 3. A void; an emptiness: *a hollow in one's life*. 4. A small valley between mountains.

VERB: Inflected forms: **hol·lowed**, **hol·low·ing**, **hol·lows**

TRANSITIVE VERB: 1. To make hollow: *hollow out a pumpkin*. 2. To scoop or form by

making concave: *hollow out a nest in the sand*.

INTRANSITIVE VERB: To become hollow or empty.

ETYMOLOGY: Middle English *holwe*, *holowe*, from *holgh*, hole, burrow (influenced by *hole*, hollow), from Old English *holh*. See **kel⁻¹** in Appendix I.

OTHER FORMS: **hol·low·ly** —ADVERB

hol·low·ness —NOUN

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